**THE PORCH SURGERY**

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 Dear Patient

Are you providing unpaid support to someone who is ill, frail, disabled, has mental health or substance misuse problems? If this person would not be able to manage without your help, you are a Carer. We are interested in identifying Carers, especially those people who may be caring without help or support. We know that Carers are often ‘hidden’ looking after a family member or helping a friend or neighbour with day to day tasks and may not see themselves as a Carer.

As a Carer, you may also be entitled to have your needs assessed by Adult Care Services. A Carer’s Assessment is a chance to talk about your needs as a Carer and possible ways help could be given. There is no charge for an assessment or for services to Carers.

If you are a Carer, this is an opportunity to let the practice know so that we can update our records to ensure we support your health needs. This includes inviting you to attend a Carers Health check where you will also have the opportunity to talk with a Carer Clinic Worker. With your permission we can also pass on your details to the Carers support organisation who provide support, advice and information about local support services.

If you are a Carer, please complete the attached ‘Carers Support Wiltshire’ form and ask the person that you care for to complete the ‘Cared-for Patient Registration’ form, then return **BOTH** forms to the surgery. If you require further information please call the Surgery and ask for a call back from myself. I am in the Surgery from Monday to Friday. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Bray

Carer Deputy

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**CARED-FOR PATIENT REGISTRATION FORM**

Are you being helped or supported by a relative, friend or neighbour?

If so, we need to know so that we can be sure you are offered the right information and support. Please complete the form below and hand it in at the surgery.

Your Name: …………………………………………………………………………………..

Address: ………………………………………………………………………………………

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Tel No: …………………………………………Mobile :………………………………………

I am a person being cared for/supported by a relative, friend or neighbour. My Carer is:

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Who is:

A Relative ( ) A Friend ( ) A Neighbour ( ) Please tick.

Optional -

I give consent for my health needs, medication and treatment to be disclosed to my carer.

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| **Options Available** | **Please tick as appropriate** |
| All Clinical Information  |  |
| Test Results Only |  |
| Appointment Information Only |  |
| Prescription Queries Only |  |

Signed:…………………………………………………… Date:……………………..

**PLEASE HAND BOTH FORMS BACK TO RECEPTION**

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**CARERS SUPPORT WILTSHIRE**

***DO YOU LOOK AFTER SOMEONE WHO IS ILL, FRAIL, DISABLED OR HAS MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE MISUSE PROBLEMS?***

Carers Support Wiltshire may be able to offer the following services and support:-

* FREE and confidential conversation with a support worker providing information, advice and emotional support.
* Sign posting, and where appropriate referral to other organisations for issues such as benefits
* Reduce isolation by putting you in touch with other carers for mutual support
* Opportunities to take a break with an outing, activity or therapy section
* Opportunity for training such as stress management and first aid
* SOMEONE TO LISTEN

Please visit **Carers Support Website** [www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk](http://www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk) for full details.

Carers Support Wiltshire can also give support to **Young Carers** **between the ages of 5 and 18**. Please visit their Website and click on ‘Young Carers’ on the top right of the screen for further information.

Also from their website, If you are a **Young Adult Carer aged between 18 and 25** you can access YAC BOOK - an online community and resource centre designed especially for Young Adult Carers.

If you are not in contact with Carers Support Wiltshire and would like to receive specific help and advice on caring issues from a support worker or would just like to receive their newsletter, please complete the form below

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| **Name** |  | **Telephone Number** |  |
| **Address** |  |

**Details of the person I care for:**

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| **Name** |  | **Relationship i.e. family member or friend** |  |
| **Address** |  |

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| **I would like specific help and advice on caring issues from a carer support worker**  | **Yes/No** |
| **I would like to receive the Newsletter:**  | **Yes/No** |
| **Signed** | **Date** |

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